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MESSAGE

We are pleased to announce that the Rockford Police Department has been awarded the Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant funding (ICJIA) for the purpose of developing interface capabilities with the Illinois State Police I-Case/I-CLEAR system. The award amount is \$85,000.00.

The primary focus of the I-Case/I-CLEAR system is to provide law enforcement with an information sharing tool to enhance the effectiveness of information exchange between state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Illinois. It will support and enhance cross-jurisdictional information sharing and facilitate crime prevention, crime fighting, and counter-terrorism efforts taking place throughout Illinois.

The I-CLEAR database currently contains data regarding 12,993,595 arrests and 6,626,242 offender photographs. The information has been captured from any agency that uses the Illinois State Police I-Case records management system and the Chicago Police Department.

Our Department, along with numerous other selected law enforcement agencies across the State, will be able to create an interface that allows our data to be downloaded into the I-CLEAR data warehouse in a timely fashion based on this grant funding. The shared data will be utilized to analyze information related to criminal activity, develop investigative leads, and generally improve the efficiency and quality of crime solving prevention and homeland security.

Operating with this data warehouse will provide data inquiry tools, analytical reporting applications, and crime mapping software to assist crime investigators, patrol officers, and command staff. Chief Epperson commented "the interface will allow our department to share and receive additional criminal information, which will strengthen our investigative abilities."